

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 18, 2008, I was absent from the House. Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 610, "nay"—H.R. 3036—To Amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 611, "nay"—H.R. 3036—Providing for consideration of H.R. 3036, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 613, "yes"—H.R. 3036—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions of the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.

On rollcall No. 614, "nay"—H.R. 3036—On Passage of the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.

On rollcall No. 615, "nay"—H.R. 6460—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESOURCE CENTER OF DALLAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, this September marks the 25th anniversary of the Resource Center of Dallas, a long standing institution in the 30th Congressional District of Texas. The center's parent organization—the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, later known as the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance—incorporated what was then called the Foundation for Human Understanding in 1983.

In 1988, the center established the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic for treatment, clinical drug trials and HIV testing. Today, the renamed Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center also offers HIV dental, STD testing and treatment, medical case management, insurance assistance, prevention and transgender health services. Nutritional services are available as well as hot lunches.

To recognize the history of and the struggle for GLBT rights in Dallas, the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and Research Library was established at the Community Center in 1994. The Library also operates a 24-hour information helpline, which first started in 1985.

In 1998, the Foundation for Human Understanding changed its name to the Resource Center of Dallas. It operates the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, named after the founding executive director, and the Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center. Through its health and medical services, the center is a leader in HIV/AIDS education, prevention and services, and provides a full spectrum of STD prevention education, screenings and treatments.

More than 1,100 volunteers and a paid staff of 44 make the Resource Center of Dallas one

of the largest centers of its kind in the United States. More than 50,000 people each year use the Resource Center through its programs and services. From its roots as an advocacy group for civil rights regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, the center continues its dual mission: to develop programs and offer services for the GLBT community, as well as individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO
COLONEL FRANCIS M. MUNGAVIN

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force, I want to recognize Colonel Francis M. "Mike" Mungavin for his 40-plus years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment, he serves as the Commander, Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service and Director of Recruiting, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. In this role, he exercises command and oversight to over 450 military and civilian personnel worldwide at over 45 main operating locations and serves as the principal advisor to the AFRC commander on all matters relating to recruiting.

Colonel Mungavin enlisted in the Air Force in November 1968, and served 10 years prior to receiving his commission through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. Prior to entering Recruiting Services, Colonel Mungavin served as member of the security forces for 32 years on active duty, as a civilian and within the Air Force Reserve Command as a Traditional Reservist and Air Reserve Technician. During this time, he conceived, developed, implemented and commanded the Air Force Reserve Patriot Warrior Program providing our security force troops with required ground combat skills training.

Since taking command of Air Force Reserve Recruiting, Colonel Mungavin has developed and executed numerous initiatives resulting in the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) exceeding its annual recruiting goal for eight consecutive years. As the second largest Air Force Major Command, AFRC has been manned at greater than ninety-nine percent for the past seven consecutive years reversing a decade-long trend of failing to meet congressionally mandated end strength levels. He is directly responsible for accessing more than 72,037 airmen helping to transform the Air Force Reserve recruiter into the most productive within DoD.

Mike could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his lovely wife of 37 years, Arlene, and their two sons—Nick and Ryan.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Colonel Francis "Mike" Mungavin for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. We wish him the best as he transitions into retirement. Colonel Mungavin is a true professional and a credit to himself and the United States Air Force Reserve.

CONGRATULATING WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT'S SOLDIER RIDE—2008 HIGH DESERT CHALLENGE AND SPONSOR U-HAUL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Wounded Warrior Project for its annual Soldier Ride—2008 High Desert Challenge and the sponsor of the challenge, U-Haul.

The nonprofit Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization that follows their mission, honors and empowers wounded veterans through raising public awareness, enlisting aid for those severely injured, and providing programs and services to those with special needs.

The Soldier Ride—2008 High Desert Challenge is a rehabilitative program that provides the opportunity for wounded veterans to regain an active lifestyle. This three-day bicycle ride from Phoenix to Las Vegas is a remarkable way to honor those wounded during their brave service to our country and to raise money to further the mission of the Wounded Warrior Project.

I congratulate the Wounded Warriors Project for recognizing the significant sacrifices these soldiers have made for our country and community, and continuing to serve these brave men and women through fundraising projects such as the Soldier Ride. I would also like to recognize U-Haul for sponsoring the event.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Wounded Warrior Project and their fundraising efforts, as well as their dedicated sponsor, U-Haul.

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Georgian Court University (GCU). For the past 100 years, Georgian Court has been a leader in higher education, encouraging intellectual inquiry, ethical professionalism, and community involvement. Founded as a women's college in 1908 by the Sisters of Mercy, Georgian Court is dedicated to the success of women. The Women's College at GCU provides a liberal arts education tailored to women's learning styles and an environment conducive to achievement. Georgian Court's Women in Leadership Development program is one of the most powerful programs for young women today. By participating in university committees, making presentations, lobbying legislators, and networking with mentors, students develop the skills and tools needed by today's successful women leaders. In the 1970s, Georgian Court established a coeducational graduate program. Today, the University College caters to men and women adult students and offers flexible class schedules with online components at a number of locations throughout the state.